

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.- 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The expansion tank according to claim 7 ~~8~~, wherein the ~~main valve comprises a first valve seat connected to the connection opening and a first closure member~~, the first closure member ~~being~~ is provided, on the side facing the first valve seat, with a sealing ring made from soft material operable to interact with the first valve seat to close the main valve, the first closure element being formed by a part of the bottom wall of a body inside the expansion tank, and

wherein the additional valve is a valve in a channel in the body, the channel extending from the top side of the body to the region of the first closure member inside the sealing ring, the additional valve comprising a valve seat, a closure member and a spring urging the closure member on the valve seat, the valve seat and the spring acting towards the interior of the expansion tank, the spring being dimensioned such that if a difference between the pressure in the interior of the expansion tank and the pressure in the connection opening reaches the second overpressure greater than the overpressure which exists ~~ex~~ works the closure member is pressed away from the seat, counter to the spring force of the spring, whereby the additional valve is opened.

6. (Currently Amended) The expansion tank of claim 7 ~~5~~, wherein the sealing ring comprises rubber.

7. (Canceled)

8. (New) An expansion tank system operable to be connected to a pipe system, the expansion tank system comprising:

- a tank configured to contain a liquid and/or a gas;
- a connection opening configured to connect the tank to the pipe system;
- a main channel positioned between the tank and the connection opening;

a main valve positioned in the main channel and configured to separate the inside of the tank from the connection opening, the main valve comprising a first valve seat and a first closure member interacting with the first valve seat and being operable:

a) to close off the main channel at a defined overpressure when the pressure inside the tank is greater than the pressure in the connection opening, said overpressure having a defined level, and

b) to close off the main channel at a defined liquid level in the tank, said overpressure and/or liquid level in the tank closing off the main channel by pressing the first closure member against the first valve seat;

an auxiliary channel extending through the first closure member of the main valve from the interior of the tank to the connection opening when the main valve is in a closed position,

wherein said expansion tank system is manufactured such that the tank has at least the defined overpressure ex works, the expansion tank system further comprising:

an additional valve positioned in the auxiliary channel formed to close off the auxiliary channel, the additional valve being formed to be closed during normal operation of the expansion tank when connected to the pipe system and to be opened when, during operation, a second overpressure exists in the tank greater than the overpressure which exists ex works.